

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SOFIA 01865 010906Z

15
ACTION CU-03

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 USIA-06 HEW-04 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 /033 W
----- 064999

R 311442Z AUG 76
FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1689
INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE
AMEMBASSY BERLIN
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST
AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
AMEMBASSY WARSAW

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SOFIA 1865

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: OEXC, BU
SUBJECT: IREX PROGRAMS IN BULGARIA

REF: (A) STATE 214816; (B) SOFIA 1638

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED KASSOF'S AUGUST 5 LETTER
AND IS SENDING ESSENTIALLY NON-COMMITTAL REPLY.

2. IN THE DAYS WHEN IT WAS THE ONLY ON-GOING
U.S. CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITY, IREX PROGRAMS IN
BULGARIA CLEARLY WERE VERY IMPORTANT TO US. THE
SELF-IMPOSED LIMITATIONS UNDER WHICH IREX OPERATES,
HOWEVER, KEEP THESE PROGRAMS AT ONLY THE "SOMETHING
IS BETTER THAN NOTHING" LEVEL. IN PARTICULAR, IREX'S
DETERMINATION TO STEER CLEAR OF ANYTHING THAT MIGHT
RUFFLE THE FEATHERS OF EVEN THE MOST CAUTIOUS OF
BULGARIAN BUREAUCRATS HAS MEANT THAT MOST IREX
SCHOLARS COME TO BULGARIA TO RESEARCH SUBJECTS SUCH
AS "ON DESCRIBING CLITIC ORDER IN THE BULGARIAN
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SOFIA 01865 010906Z

LITERARY LANGUAGE", OR "OTTOMAN REFORM IN BULGARIA

1856-76."

3. THERE WAS A DAY, OF COURSE, WHEN RESEARCH PERFORMED BY AMERICAN SCHOLARS IN BULGARIA NEEDED TO BE SO TIGHTLY CONSTRAINED. ALTHOUGH THE FIELD NOW IS HARDLY WIDE OPEN, NEITHER DO WE HAVE TO BE QUITE SO TIMID AS THIS. YET IREX HAS NOT GROWN WITH THE TIMES. AS A RESULT, IREX SCHOLARS SEEM TO INTERACT ONLY WITH VERY SMALL GROUPS OF HIGHLY SPECIALIZED SCHOLARS.

4. WITH THE COMMENCEMENT A FEW YEARS AGO OF OUR OWN IVP AND SPECIALIST PROGRAMS, AND PARTICULARLY IF WE CAN HAVE PROGRAMS OF THE TYPE DESCRIBED IN REF B AND FORESEEN UNDER THE SHORTLY-TO-BE FINALIZED CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT, WE VIEW IREX PROGRAMS AS OF RELATIVELY LOW PRIORITY HERE. OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO HAVE MORE MONEY AVAILABLE TO CU/EE AND LESS TO IREX.
HERZ

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976SOFIA01865
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760331-0720
From: SOFIA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976083/aaaaabpp.tel
Line Count: 81
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION CU
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 214816, 76 SOFIA 1638
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <08 APR 2004 by greeneet>; APPROVED <03 AUG 2004 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IREX PROGRAMS IN BULGARIA
TAGS: OEXC, BU
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006